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Comments: I keenly believe that to even consider exploratory mining in such a fragile ecosystem along with the history of the areas and tourism is simply a disaster waiting to happen. Simply look at other mining operations in similar locales and areas, are there any? I can guarantee you the mines I'm familiar with in the western United States are not anywhere close to the proximity of such areas with all the assets in the Mammoth- Hot Creek area. Whether it's the environment degradation through new roads or the wildlife or Hot creek river jeopardy, the consideration of open pit mining, where will the tailings go? the mud? You are dealing with an area where you will devastate an economic area in fishing, hunting and tourism that took decades to build. Where at the the very least is a EIR? While I appreciate the aspect of jobs and economic growth to some businesses, you are in an area that could quickly become void of value in ruing the water, the area with new roads, the air pollution in a area that is already sensitive to LA air problems, the noise to wildlife, including river wildlife, residents etc. Please greatly rethink this. Thank you for your time and consideration, Michael Carty Maloney